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Organization

Lexington Historical Commission

June 2000 Date (month/year)

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 64 Marrett Road

Historic Name Dr. Louis Mongeon House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1909

Lexington Valuation Lists Source

Style/Form Dutch Colonial

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble

Wall/Trim wood shingles

asphalt shingle, wood shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

Moved ⊠ no □ yes

Date

Acreage

24,240 SF

mixed residential neighborhood along heavily Setting

trafficked road

BUILDING FORM (64 Marrett Road)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Located at the corner of Marrett Road and Follen Road, 64 Marrett Road is an interesting variation on the Dutch Colonial style, displaying the influence of the Craftsman style in its entrance pergola. Set above a fieldstone foundation, the 1 1/2-story dwelling is sheathed in wood shingles and capped by a gambrel roof with the lower angle covered in wood shingles and the upper slope clad in asphalt shingles. Rising from the center of the west end is an exterior chimney with a fieldstone base. The midsection of the chimney is constructed of brick with fieldstone quoins and the upper half is brick with stuccoed panels at the top.

Centered on the three-bay facade, the main entrance contains a wooden door with 3 x 3-lights over two recessed panels. Flanking the door are pilasters with recessed panels and a grid design at the top. The pair of pilasters on either side of the door is separated by a narrow 2 x 3-light window. The entrance pergola displays decorative rafters with jigsawn ends. Side panels partially enclose the porch with 2 x 4-lights set above stucco-filled panels. A small bench is located on either side of the stoop. On either side of the entrance porch is a pair of 6/1 sash flanked by blinds. Flared, shingled brackets at the ends of the facade (and rear elevation) support the slight overhang of the eaves. The shed dormer on the front slope contains a central tripartite window consisting of a 6/1 flanked by 4/1 with an individual 6/1 sash on each of the outer edges. Remaining windows consist primarily of a mix of 6/1 and 4/1 sash, with some modern casements.

On the west elevation, to the rear of the exterior chimney, a single-story sunroom fronts the elevation, wrapping around to the rear elevation. The porch on the rear elevation displays a shingled support and has been partially enclosed. An additional shed dormer spans the rear roof slope.

A paved driveway extends to the east of the house terminating at a side-gabled garage with two overhead garage doors facing the street. Fenestration includes a glass-and-panel door and a lunette in the side gable.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house was constructed in 1909 for Dr. Louis Mongeon on land which was formerly part of the Willard Pierce property. (The house at **80 Marrett Road (MHC #1085)** was also built on part of the Pierce property in 1909). Dr. Mongeon was a dentist with an office on Boylston Street in Boston. James and Barbara Peirce purchased the property about 1927 and remained here until about 1940. In 1928 the Peirces were assessed for a house valued at \$7000 and a garage valued at \$500, both set on a 24,240 square foot lot. The house was known as 40 Middle Road into the 1920s and then 40 Marrett Road until the mid 1930s. Later owners include Charles and Ruth Sullivan (c.1960).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Minute-man, June 12, 1909.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.